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## TERRELL AND ROGERS IN ACTION AT AUSTIN

**Cates Says Rogers Gets Up  
Next to the House Ruler.  
Terrell is Powerful.**

Anyone who has ever attended a three ringed circus and tried to write an intelligent account of it afterwards realizes the predicament I am in in trying to respond to your kind invitation to write something about legislative proceedings in Austin.

The three rings here are typified by the Senate, the House of Representatives and what is commonly called the lobby. The latter, I might remark by way of parenthesis, is, as often as not, formed of legitimate citizenship as well as of the opposite character, being composed in large measure of representatives of various professional and commercial interests who come here to express their views before committees to whom legislative measures are referred.

I do not desire to be deemed as speaking slightly of the legislature when I compare it to a circus, my only object being to convey some idea of the entertainment it affords to a novice like myself.

Subtract the committee hearings of to day and yesterday from the sessions since their beginning and nothing has been accomplished save organization. However, it must not be concluded that a religious effort has not been expended by the majority of members to expedite and accelerate legislation. The great strife through out this giant commonwealth over the question of prohibition precipitated prohibition a climax here during the first days of the legislature the pros trying to enact their regulatory measures and get to Gov. Campbell before his abandonment of office, and the antis with equal zeal trying to stay their hand pending the time when Gov. Colquitt would assume the chair.

The fight of the last element prevailed but their success precipitated the second struggle of the session, which was the successful endeavor of the prohibitionists to reconstruct the rules of order so that their will as a majority could not be balked by the filibustering of a minority.

However, I presume the Wise county public is familiar with these facts as they have been reported in the daily and weekly newspapers, and I take it that our people have, as a secondary interest, curiosity to know something of the personal relations which our two fellow citizens, Rogers and Terrell, sustain to the Legislature in general and the other members in particular.

Taking into consideration my employment in the Senate it is figuratively almost as far from this wing of the building to the other extreme and wherein Rogers helps run the grist mill of legislation as it is from Decatur to Austin.

I have had little opportunity as yet to see our Honorable Representative in action. Only one time have I sat as a spectator in the gallery of the House, but on that visit I saw something significant and what might be deemed inevitable of Rogers.

He mounted the speaker's "throne" with a big blue bill in hand and there conversed freely with the Speaker for some minutes. Of course this is an ordinary thing for some, with accent on the some-members to do, but shows conclusively Roger's penchant for going straight to the sacred portals of the mighty, while other less gifted brethren must content themselves with standing off long distant and supplicating. In other words Rogers communes directly into the ears of the gods while other mortal

legislators ejaculate through a trumpet.

My observance of Terrell in the Senate is of closer range and constant. It is my business as an officer of the Senate to keep constant note of his and others' official acts and to make record thereof.

I cannot express too highly my growing appreciation of the Senator from Wise and the staunch loyalty with which he has stood by the mad-mates of the common people on the question of prohibition.

I have known Senator Terrell all my life, but I had to come to Austin to find that there depths in his character which few of us in Wise County realized, depths of mental and moral strength to possess which any man might be proud.

My situation here prevents my saying all I should like to say by way of a recitation of facts and incidents of the prohibition fight that has already taken place. Terrell makes no effort, or so far has not, to fight forensic battles on the floor, but in the caucuses and committee conclaves where in truth legislation is wrought out, his judgement, his experience and his firmness are felt with a force that moves men to admiration; for him for the way his influence helps to hold them true to their purpose and unaffected by the weakening and intimidating influences which the powerful anti-prohibition element is capable of wielding. Terrell is a man here, every inch of him, and the people of Wise county can rest in the absolute assurance that not in the state Senate is there a man in whom greater confidence and trust can be reposed.

The high honor conferred on him as one of the three Senators selected as a sub-committee to prepare the great submission amendment measure, together with the regulatory measures, the day light closing bill etc., shows in what estimation and in what trust Terrell is held by his fellow Senators on the prohibition side. The other members of the sub-committee are Senators Cofer and Vaughan. Senator Terrell was made chairman of the sub-committee and thus he became the titular leader of the prohibitionists and responsible for the defense of the pro measures in the Senate of this Legislature.

## Doctor Praises D. D. D.

Although an M. D., I acknowledge to my patients and patrons that your remedy, D. D. D. reaches cases of Eczema and permanently cures them.—Dr. Ira T. Gabbert, Caldwell, Kan.

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## Died

At her home in Dallas, Jan. 19th, Mrs. Isabel M. Best, wife of the W. E. Best. Mrs. Best was well known and loved at Greenwood, where she made her home about six years. She was always noble for her many acts of charity, she leaves nine children, among them, Mrs. E. B. Brown of Greenwood and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The Messenger prints the county news; the news you want to read.

## SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO DR. J. W. CARTWRIGHT

**Courts Adjourn and Business Houses Close During Funeral Service**

In the absence of Rev. E. E. Robinson, who is ill at his home, Dr. O. K. Kiker, presiding elder of the Amarillo district, directed the funeral services of Dr. J. W. Cartwright at the Polk street Methodist church yesterday afternoon. Both district and county courts adjourned for the services, and a number of business houses closed from 2:30 to 3:30 for the services.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. N. Ferguson of Plainview. Rev. R. F. Jenkins of the First Baptist church, assisted in the ceremonies. Rev. S. E. Wasson pastor of the Clarendon Methodist church, and Rev. L. A. Webb pastor of the Canyon Methodist church, were present.

The members of the Masonic lodge took charge of the body at the cemetery and performed ritual ceremonies.

One of the largest funeral assemblages in the history of the city turned out to honor the memory of the man who for more than two decades has been an integral part of the city.—Amarillo Daily.

## Sweetwater

Miss Robbie Beall has been quite sick the past week, but at this writing she is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young from Stony, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boydston, Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Henry and Chas. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Lute Renshaw, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Beall, Sunday.

Cliff Cook and Jesse Stevenson from Oak Grove community, was in our midst Sunday eve.

Miss Leona Bates from Amarrillo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Gentry.

Sweetwater is still growing some as the Waggoner ranch, just east of us is selling fast, and new people keep coming in. Come on a good people we gladly welcome you here.

A little rain, a norther, a most anything would be gladly received down this way, as those warm hot days doesn't suit the writer at this time of season.

## Paradise

The Paradise Gun club had a contest Friday evening in which Dick Read carried off first prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt who spent the past week here with their daughter, Mrs. Alf Franks, returned to their home in Henerettia.

Miss Laura Read was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Will Hines and wife, of Bridgeport were here Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Lindsey returned home Sunday from a week's visit in Fort Worth.

Edna, the little baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burress, has the scarlet fever, but is reported getting along nicely.

Miss Sue Davis has been employed as compositor on the Paradise American.

Miss Ella McBride is very low with pneumonia.

Miss Florence Patterson has resigned as teacher in Arkansas district, and left Friday for West Texas,

where she has accepted a school. Frank Kelly has been employed in her stead in the Arkansas school.

Rev. Isbell preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning, and church conference was held Sunday night.

Miss Effie Atkins, of Boyd, visited homefolks here Sunday.

Miss Essie Featherstone returned home Sunday from a week's visit with relatives in Dallas.

Master James Stutt has been quite sick the past week.

## Greenwood

Mrs. Maggie Rayborn visited homefolks Sunday.

Dr. Knox from Chico was in Greenwood Monday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Warden Reeser and little daughter, are visiting Mrs. Reeser's father, Mr. Brownsfield.

The new barber shop is completed and is now occupied by Greenwood's efficient barber.

Mrs. Mayley has been quite sick this week.

Little Dean Dodge and Knox Quisenberry who have been quite sick with pneumonia are improving.

Greenwood is to have a bank in the nearer future. The bank will be in the Masonic building.

K. Campbell is visiting homefolks in Greenwood this week.

Mrs. Blanch Gage is a visitor in Greenwood this week.

Misses Oma Campbell and May Wheelock were at home Sunday.

## Prairie Point School Notes

Since our last report several new students enrolled, making the enrollment 109 this year.

The literary society gave a very interesting program Friday evening. The society renders its programs every two weeks, visitors are welcome.

We are glad to report the following visitors for the past week, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. McClure and Miss Chesser. We are always glad to have you with us, hope that more of you fathers and mothers will visit our school.

It is encouraging to any teachers to have people interested in school work to come and observe the work.

The Parent-Teacher's Club will meet its second time, Feb. 10, adopt a constitution and by laws and make some plans towards more improvements. We want every member to be present and those who have not joined this little army of workers for a better school to come and enlist.

Our regular monthly examination will be next month.

## To Remove Ink Spots.

To remove ink spots from wash goods melt a piece of tallow and plunge the ink spot in the hot fat, then wash the piece at once and the ink will disappear. If it is a colored garment which will not wash, then drop melted wax on the spot, let it become hard and remove with a sharp knife. The ink will be soaked up by the wax, and if any stain remains from it place a clean piece of blotting paper over it and press with a hot iron to draw it out.

## Golden Dip.

Trim crust from six slices of bread, toast on both sides and dip each slice in a deep dish containing a little hot milk in which a tablespoonful of butter has been melted. When moistened, take out, sprinkle with salt and lay in another dish. Take a quart of milk, bring to boiling point and thicken with two tablespoonfuls cornstarch dissolved in a little cold milk. Stir in two tablespoonfuls butter. When melted add beaten yolks of three eggs and pour over toast in dish.

Majestic tonight, good pictures. Attend the Majestic tonight.

## DENTON PEOPLE ARE GOING AFTER LINE

**Company Organized There to Build Road Into Slidell Country**

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, with the following directors present: J. R. Christal, B. W. Blewett, J. N. Rayzor, W. H. Cruce and A. C. Owsley, special attention was given to the proposed railroad to Slidell.

Several communications had been received from other towns northwest of here inquiring about the proposed Denton-Slidell railroad, saying that houses could be secured if the road would be extended to them. No action however, was taken in regard to them, as it is the desire of the directors to first get the proposition before the Denton people in its true light.

Another special committee composed of Messrs. A. C. Owsley, J. C. Coit, H. F. Schweer and R. C. Christal was appointed to confer with some of the town's largest property owners and to get the whole proposition into tangible form. The directors expressed the opinion that there is no doubt but that the road can be built and controlled by Denton capital, and that the citizens will soon have an opportunity to show whether they want to make Denton a "greater Denton" or not.—Denton News.

## Protecting Lorimer

Washington, Jan. 31.—Insistent appeals are being made to Senators by friends of Senator William Lorimer to avoid a vote upon the motion of Senator Beveridge to declare vacant the seat occupied by the Illinois Senator.

The friends of Mr. Lorimer say that they are not conducting a filibuster. They have merely objected to unanimous consent to fix a time for voting. The majority of the committee submitted its report on Dec. 21, practically six weeks ago. Immediately after Congress reconvened Senator Beveridge presented his minority report.

Congress has been in session exactly one month since the Christmas recess, and in the face of the knowledge of men who signed the majority report that they would be called upon to defend their action, only three have spoken up to the date. These are Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee, Gambel and Paynter, with Senator Bailey sitting in and out of the debate. Six days have elapsed since the last pro-Lorimer speech.

Four weeks and three days remain of the present session. Three days and perhaps four will be utilized by the Senate for the delivery of speeches in honor of dead Senators. There are four Sundays and one holiday, George Washington's birthday. There remain exactly twenty-three legislative days, and in that short period of time there must be disposed of the appropriation bills. The Senate proposes also, to act upon ship subsidy and consider Canada reciprocity, perpetuation of the tariff board, popular election of Senators and fortifications for the Panama Canal, to say nothing of the Lorimer case. In the meantime some Lorimer defenders object to every request to fix a day for a vote.

## Read This

Decatur, Tex., this certifies that I have sold Hall's Texas Wonder for the cure of all kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles, for years and have never had a complaint. It always gives quick and permanent relief. Ford & Thomason



# Farm and Garden

## MEADOW FESCUE.

Increase in Use of Plant Good For Pastures in Many Regions.

For several years past meadow fescue has been an important crop in northeastern Kansas, according to the United States department of agriculture. The acreage devoted to this grass has, however, been extremely variable. The fluctuating tendency is due chiefly to changes in the price of seed. The meadow fescue seed crop has in some years reached a total valuation of over \$150,000 in a very limited section of the state. The demand for meadow fescue seed is quite limited; hence an undue expansion in production has caused in several years a decided fall in price. The merits of the grass are such, however, that it is believed that a better knowledge of its usefulness will result in its being employed much more extensively, especially for permanent pastures throughout the timothy region.

Meadow fescue is also locally known as English blue grass notwithstanding the fact that in England it is called meadow fescue. The name English blue grass should be discarded for the established name meadow fescue, as the use of both leads to confusion.

Meadow fescue sown alone furnishes scant pasture during the hot summer months, and its lack of root stocks prevents its taking first rank as a pasture grass in any region where Kentucky blue grass does well. Its value at present is fully appreciated only in the eastern parts of Nebraska and Kansas. It is quite probable that in



PANICLE OF MEADOW FESCUE.

[From bulletin of United States department of agriculture.]

many regions an increase in the use of meadow fescue would have a very beneficial effect on the pastures.

The ability of meadow fescue to survive in wet places when trampled by stock keeps such places productive in pastures where timothy, red clover and Kentucky blue grass fail, and, besides being strongly perennial, meadow fescue has the additional advantage of coming quickly and surely from seed, producing in a short time a firm sod and considerable pasturage.

In the east meadow fescue has shown itself to be almost as well adapted as orchard grass to the clay soils, and, though not quite as productive, it is rather more palatable than the latter. As the value of tame pastures over native pastures is better realized and as the English idea of mixtures is more firmly established with the American farmer meadow fescue will take a more important place at least as a pasture grass.

The soil best adapted to the production of meadow fescue is a heavy black loam. This grass has been noted growing in the most decided "gumbo" spots, and in these places when moisture was sufficient no amount of trampling seemed to destroy it. It is not adapted to a light sandy soil, and the best yield of hay and seed is always secured from heavy soils rich in organic matter.

Farmers interested in this pasture

plant can obtain further information from their state experiment stations or departments of agriculture or from the agricultural department at Washington.

There is nothing that will destroy the productiveness and value of a farm so fast and so certainly as running it to grain and shipping the grain to market instead of feeding it on the ground.

## GARDEN SEED TESTING.

It Is Important to Know Germinating Qualities of Stock.

As a rule, American gardeners pay very little attention to seed testing, depending mostly upon the seeds they buy as being strong and fresh. However, very often considerable quantities of seed are carried over from one season to another, and these are of more value than any new supplies, because we have proved them by actual cropping on our land and under our conditions. Hence it is very important to know the germinating qualities of such stock to avoid losses or delays.

There are several methods of seed testing in common use—placing seeds between layers of moist cloth, sowing in sand and sowing into ground. Each has its proper place and time. However, unless a test is carefully carried out it is worthless. Thus the operator must know the degree of heat and amount of moisture most suitable. The same treatment will not do for all. We must try to get as near as possible at natural conditions.

We must consider the season. Some seeds are very difficult to sprout in winter, and the nearer we approach their natural sprouting season the better the test, while others again refuse to sprout in great heat, such as the summer months. Thus we see a test made out of season may prove entirely worthless or, worse than that, very misleading.

During the winter months the sand test is the best, as seeds sprout more readily in clean sand than in moist earth, and the sand gives enough root action to allow us to judge of the strength of the young plants, which the moist cloth test does not permit. The depth at which seeds should be tested must be decided upon according to season. Thus in the dark winter months very little covering is permissible, while later on more covering is needed to allow for higher temperatures and rapid evaporation.—Gardening.

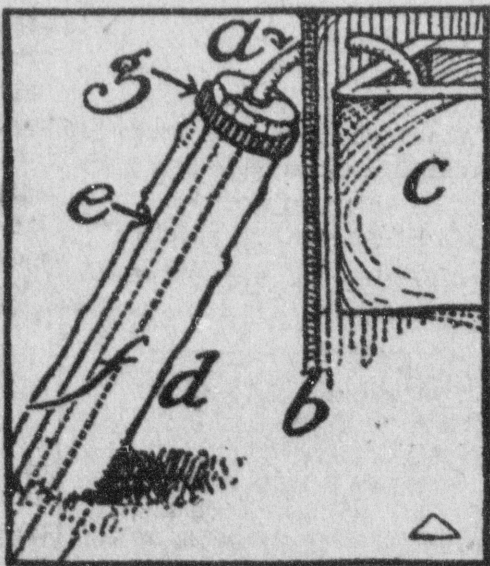
Talk things over with the hired man. It will help both you and him.

## Value Loss of Silage Small.

One reason why cornfields should be turned into the silo is that dried fodder corn deteriorates rapidly and toward spring becomes hard, brittle and possesses little palatability. Silage loses much less than dry corn fodder and is always relished by the animals, summer or winter.

## Protecting Pipes From Frost.

This diagram illustrates one way of protecting water pipes against frost. In the cut a is the pipe, b a partition through which the pipe runs, c the water tank, d the ground, e a wooden post and g an iron ring. In operation the post, which may be six to eight



METHOD OF PROTECTION.

inches in diameter, is split in the middle, as shown at e. The center is hollowed out slightly in each half, and into this space the pipe fits. The iron ring at g holds the halves firmly together. This protection might and probably would in actual practice continue on through the wall of the building. It could be arranged for by setting the pipe at a greater angle.—American Agriculturist.

Don't let two weeds grow this year where none grew before.

## Quick Change.

A.—When I was in the east I met with many begging dervishes.

B.—I thought they called them howling dervishes?

A.—That's what they become when you don't give them anything.—Meggendorfer Blatter.



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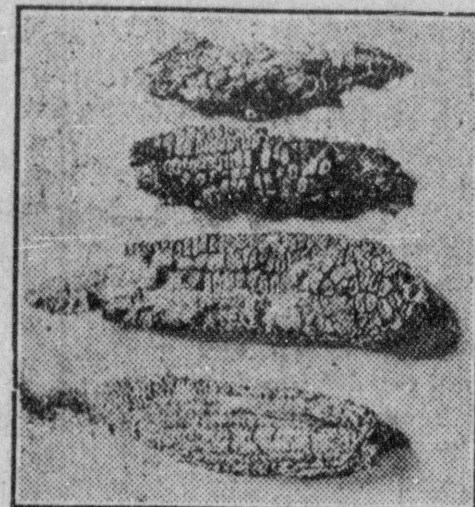
## STAGGERS INVESTIGATED.

Moldy Corn Believed to Be the Cause of the Deaths of Many Horses.

According to a bulletin issued by the Kansas State Agricultural college experiment station, blind staggers, sleepy staggers, mad staggers or meningo-encephalitis has occurred in outbreaks of greater or less severity in many sections of the United States. In addition, there seems to be a continual loss of horses from staggers in any locality in which much corn of an inferior grade is fed. A certain green corn mold, known scientifically as *Aspergillus glaucus*, is blamed.

The contents of the bulletin may be briefly summarized as follows:

Feeding horses upon immature corn badly infected with molds and worm



CORN DAMAGED BY MOLD.

[From bulletin of Kansas State Agricultural college experiment station.]

dirt, with its accompanying bacteria, produces typical cases of staggers.

The extract of such corn is rapidly fatal to rabbits.

*Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Rhizopus nigricans* (molds) have been found abundantly on the corn only in localities which lose horses from staggers.

Corn containing any molds should be thoroughly cleaned or "floats" before feeding.

Mixing corn with bran and oats seems to lessen the danger.

Treatment to be effective must be begun early.

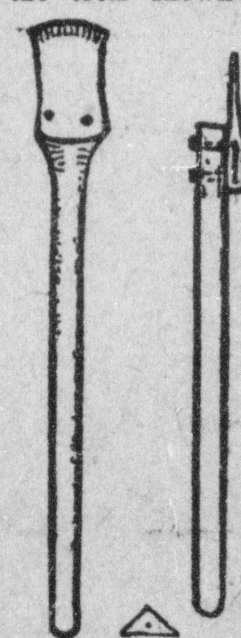
During the course of investigations it was found that in some localities cases which were reported as staggers were in reality typical cases of parasitism produced in horses by the palisade worm in the intestines and blood vessels, the error arising from the similarity of some of the symptoms of the two diseases.

The observations have not been sufficiently extensive to determine the relation between staggers and the so called cornstalk disease. The latter is the name popularly applied to many disorders of the digestive tract in cattle and horses, some of which are clearly not the result of any poison or toxin. It seems that neither the seasons nor the localities in which many cattle have died in the stalk fields coincide with those in which severe outbreaks of staggers in horses have occurred.

## For Digging Post Holes.

Any farmer can easily make one of the tools shown in the illustration,

says a correspondent of the Orange Judd Farmer. It is very simple and requires no outlay of money for materials. An old ax or a broad piece of steel with one sharp edge is bolted to a handle in the manner shown. Two holes must be drilled through the end opposite the sharp edge. The handle enables the worker to use the tool with ease in cutting off small roots while digging holes for fenceposts.



POST HOLE DIGGERS.

One great reason why some men win on the farm is because they keep the ends tucked in. If you want to freeze on a cold winter night let the bedclothes get pulled out at the foot. Farming is just that way. Don't let the bedclothes get pulled out at the foot.

## Live Stock Notes.

The first cross animal in swine breeding makes a good feeder. It is also well known that if crossbreeding is carried further than the first cross one rapidly runs into inferior stock.

Try how the frosted bridle bits feel in your own mouth some of these crisp mornings and you'll warm them up the next time before putting them in the dumb, helpless horse's mouth.

Good bedding is not only comfortable and beneficial to the stock, but it absorbs many juices and liquids which otherwise would be lost, retaining them to be deposited on the fields as valuable fertilizers.

In winter as much variety should be furnished the pigs and cows as possible. They need some roughage. They will eat clover hay and cornstalks.

Pigs intended for market should weigh between 250 and 300 pounds at ten months of age or less. To make this weight they must be pushed from birth to market day.

Sheep are the greatest fertilizers of all the farm stock. The old saying that the hoof of the sheep is golden is true enough. Sheep return to the soil 80 per cent of fertility from the food eaten.

## Poultry Pointers.

One-half teaspoonful of vaseline and ten drops of carbolic acid made into a soft paste with sulphur and rubbed on the sores is said to be a sure cure for sorehead or chicken pox.

Iron in some form makes a good tonic. What is called "the Douglass mixture" is used by many poultrymen. It is composed of sulphate of iron, eight ounces; sulphuric acid, one-half fluid ounce; water, one gallon. Dose, one gill in the drinking water for every twenty-five fowls.

Convenient coops for marketing the chickens will pay not only in the satisfaction that they afford, but in the greater convenience.

Nothing is gained in hardness by letting the chickens run out in the rain, snow or cold winds.

A thorough coating of whitewash with 3 per cent crude carbolic acid will settle the mite problem for the winter.

The cap sheaf of poultry culture is cleanliness. Cleanliness means that the poultry houses, yards and surroundings should be kept sanitary and fit for the fowls to live in.

Warm milk is an excellent feed for chickens that are sick or off feed. In fact, milk is one of the very best feeds for chickens of all kinds and at all times.

## Homemade Land Roller.

A friend of mine writes that he has lived sixty years, but has just found out how to make a land roller that actually does the business, says a correspondent of the Iowa Homestead. He gets a section of round galvanized iron culvert material. He prefers to have it at least two feet in diameter and corrugated. The section is as long as you wish to make the roller. It is turned on end, and an iron axle or rod of axle size is placed exactly in the center. The inside is then ready to be filled with cement mortar. Let it cure for two weeks before using, wetting occasionally during that time. A frame is bolted to the axle, of course.

## Potato Fertilizer Formula.

One that is used by many large potato growers in the vicinity of New York city is made up as follows: Nitrate of soda, 127 pounds; high grade dried blood, 440 pounds; acid phosphate, 400 pounds; land plaster, 33 pounds. The greatest profit resulted when these fertilizers were mixed and applied at the rate of 1,000 pounds per acre in some tests at the New York experiment station.

## Cooking Feed Does Not Pay.

To learn the value of cooking feed for live stock extensive trials were made at the North Dakota experiment station in feeding hogs and cattle raw feed and cooked feed. It was found that more pounds of grain were made from a given amount of feed when fed raw. Potatoes were an exception, as they gave the best returns when cooked.

Let every farmer give his farm the degree of LL. D.—lime, legumes and drains.—Rural New Yorker.

## Dairy Doings.

It takes two-thirds of all the good cow eats to keep her alive and without loss of flesh and the other third of ordinary good rations to enable her to give milk. The expense of two-thirds of the money-earning rations has to be incurred when the cow is earning nothing.

Timothy hay is better than nothing as a feed for dairy cows, but it is worth more to sell on the market.

A good supply of alfalfa will cut down the bran bills.

If the cow's teats are made sore from exposure to cold or wet weather an application of carbolic vaseline after each milking will remedy the trouble if used when it first appears.

The best hay feeds for dairy cows are clover, alfalfa, cowpeas and soy beans. They contain a large percentage of protein, which is a great milk producing element.

The world's champion milk cow produced nearly nine tons of milk last year, and advocates of dairying in preference to beef production call attention to the fact that this cow is prepared to repeat such performances for many years, while the beef animal must go to the block to produce cash for its owner.



## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Jingles.

#### A JOLLY SEASON.

Isn't it a jolly season  
To forget our troubles?  
Careless take wing and for some reason  
Vanish like mere bubbles.

F.

F—poor old fellow!—has only one leg.  
Hark! Here is coming his peg-ge-ty-peg.  
Always his hat to the right of his head.  
Never had any left side, it is said.  
Likely he's also quite blind, dumb and deaf.

Poor little, unsteady, tottering F!

#### HIS MOTHER'S JOY.

There was a little boy  
Who was his mother's joy.  
And yet he was the terror of the neighborhood.  
At times he'd make us glad  
By failing to be bad;  
But, then, you see, he was so very seldom good!

—St. Nicholas.

#### A Tame Beaver.

A tame beaver kept by the soldiers at a fort in Wyoming became quite famous for his sagacity. Caught while young and perfectly tamed, he became very docile and a great favorite at the fort. The little fellow could never be cured of his habit to build dams, and it is related that he once undertook to dam the Little River, working for months all night long and returning to the fort every morning at sunrise. He cut down quite a number of trees, but life proved too short for the completion of his plans. While around the fort he was constantly turning over every kind of vessel that contained water and collecting sticks to head it off as it flowed away. One night by oversight the beaver was locked up in the warehouse, and during the night, in nosing around, he discovered a ten gallon can of molasses that had been left uncovered. That discovery proved his doom. The next day he was found gasping for life, having been caught in the sticky mass as the can was overturned. He never recovered from the shock and was tenderly buried in the presence of a large circle of his friends.

#### Bear Versus Vultures.

Bruin was in luck. A young deer had ventured down the steep slopes of the mountain to quench its thirst in the stream, which ran noisily through the rocky valley when it was pounced upon by a hungry bear and laid lifeless with one blow of his heavy paws.

Bears are not generally supposed to prey upon animals, but in India, at any rate, bruin likes to vary his vegetable diet with a succulent young deer or small game of any sort.

Other animals, however, beside bruin liked deer, and two vultures now swooped down upon the bear. One of them perched on his head and tried its best to pluck out bruin's eyes, and while defending himself from this danger the bear had to lose his hold on the deer, which was then promptly dragged off by the second vulture. But a bear will fight hard for his dinner. Giving a dexterous swing with one of his paws he stunned the vulture which had settled on his head, and the other bird then made off, so that bruin was master of the field and of the little deer, which he soon devoured.

#### The Artful Fox.

An old lion was so weak he could no longer hunt for prey. He therefore lay in his den and gave out that he was so ill he thought he would die. When the beasts heard of this they were very sorry, for they looked on the lion as their king. One by one they went to see him. This was just what the lion wanted, for he could easily kill them one at a time, and then he grew fat on his prey.

At last a fox, who thought he knew what was going on, made up his mind to call on the old king and ask him how he did.

"My dear friend," said the lion, "how good of you to come and see me! But do not stand so far off. Come near and speak a word of hope to your poor king who has but a short time to live."

"Ah," said the fox, "I fear I must not stay as it grieves me to say so, for, to tell the truth, the footmarks I see all point toward your den, and I think it strange that none of them point away from it."

#### Conundrums.

What is the political character of a water wheel? Revolutionary.

Why was England during Victoria's reign a very dry country? There was only one reign (rain) in fifty years.

How can it be proved that a horse has six legs? Because it has fore legs in front and two behind.

For what profession are the members of a boat crew best fitted? Dentistry, because they have a good pull.

Why ought a man who manages horses on a wagon to be successful? Because he does a driving business.

Why do carpenters have great faith in soothsayers? Because they cannot work without an auger (augur).

Why are some women like teakettles? Because they sing away pleasantly and then all at once boil over.

What is the difference between an

engineer and a schoolmaster? One minds the trains; the other trains the minds.

#### A Famous Battle.

The battle of New Orleans—Jan. 8, 1815—was fought between a force of 12,000 British, under Sir Edward Pakenham, and Jackson's 6,000 Americans. The latter, in their strongly entrenched position, lost only eight killed and thirteen wounded. The British loss was 2,600 killed and wounded. The battle lasted twenty-five minutes.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY

### Unfeeling Wretch.

"John, will you please unhook my waist?"  
"All right; as soon as I get my collar off."  
"Don't you think this dress is becoming?"  
"Yep."

"I think it makes me look slimmer than I look in any of the rest of my dresses, don't you?"  
"I guess so."

"Did you see anybody there who was dressed in better taste than I?"  
"Nope."

"And think how cheaply I got it made! Do you remember that pink dress I had two years ago?"  
"I dunno."

"Oh, yes, you remember it, John; the one I had made when I went to St. Louis. Would you suspect that I have had all the beaded trimming from that gown put on this one?"  
"No."

"Well, I have. If I had bought it new it would have cost \$25. Don't you think I manage well?"  
"Uh huh."

"Do you suppose there's another woman in this town who dresses as splendidly as I do on what you allow me for clothes?"  
"I've never thought anything about it."

"Well, you would think about it if you got such bills as most women make their husbands pay. Did you see any one there who looked better than I did?"  
"I didn't look around much."

"Did you ever see me when I looked better?"  
"I guess not."

"Think what it means to you when I make such a fine appearance. Everybody must get the impression that you are able to give me a much larger allowance than you do for clothes. It gives the impression that you are prosperous. Can't you see what an advantage it is to have people get such an idea?"  
"I've never noticed it."

"Oh, pshaw! One might as well talk to a stick as to you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

#### True to Their Names.

A Jew Jersey man named his twin sons Roosevelt and Taft. A friend asked him recently how they were getting along.

"Famously," was the answer. "Taft digs steadily into his breakfast bowl, while Roosevelt yells and pounds him over the head with a spoon."—Lippincott's.

#### Thoughtful Maud.

"Maud has a good heart."

"Has she?"

"Yes. If her new winter hat doesn't cost too much and her candy and matinee bills are not too big she's going to buy her mother a patent sweeper or else a cake mixer next spring."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Defined.

Albert—A dog that runs under a carriage is called a carriage dog, is it not?

Egbert—Certainly!

Albert—Well, what would you call a dog that runs under a motorcar?

Egbert—Why, a dead one.—Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

#### Tough Luck.

"Terrible drought we've had," declared Congressman Wombat.

"Yes," assented Congressman Wayback. "It dried up several pools in my district that I was figuring on getting into the river and harbor bill."—Pittsburg Post.

#### Might Soem Longer.

"Do you think buttermilk will prolong one's life, Colonel Soaksby?"

"Ahem! I have no doubt, Miss Plumher, that if a person had to drink buttermilk every day it would make life seem longer."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

#### A Few Things Wanted.

An insect powder for humbugs.

A telegram envelope that will calm a woman's terror before she opens it.

An alarm clock that will not only wake us up, but make us feel like getting up.—Boston Transcript.

#### A Cold Fact.

"I couldn't stand it in the public parlor any longer. A man there with the worst kind of a cold in his head was telling the oldest kind of stories."

"I see. Hoarse chestnuts."

## IN THE REALM OF FASHION

### The Latest in Coats.

Whenever figured velvets of any kind have a vogue the styles of the day are sure to be sumptuous. This is, of course, to be expected, since the extensive vogue of velvet always stands for rich styles and the appearance of patterned fabrics of any kind means a demand for more or less elaboration. Figured velvets never appear at a period of "sweet simplicity" or severely plain fashions. The em-



EMBOSSED VELVET COAT TRIMMED WITH FUR.

bossed velvets are making up some of the most stunning wraps this year, and they rank side by side with rich fur coats, for their trimmings are invariably of fur and their cost at their richest is little below the all fur garment.

The embossed velvet coat in the drawing has a big shawl collar of opossum with a facing that forms a border to the closing edge. Low on the side there is a finish in the shape of a cluster of tails with a fur covered button. The cuffs and muff are also of the opossum.

## NEWEST MODEL FOR GIRLS' NEGLIGEEES

### The Vassar Robe of Dark Blue Cashmere Is the Latest.

Neatest and newest in long negligees for girls is the Vassar robe of dark blue cashmere or flannelette, which is made with a deep yoke and three-quarter straight sleeves cut in one, the seven gored skirt being so sharply slanted that it fits without fullness into the yoke. Also made with cut in one piece sleeves is a square necked, center seam back negligee. This model, which is prettiest when developed in some soft worsted or silken fabric and bordered with fancy ribbon, has narrow underarm forms in addition to four full length gores. A diagonal front, closing at the waist line, shows a pointed gulf of muslin embroidery matching the undersleeves, supplementing the cloth elbow sleeves, which are slashed half way to the shoulders.

An attractive modification of the kimono has three shoulder plaits in front and a bias back attached to a bolero shaped deep yoke. The bell sleeves, the loose fronts and the girdle are bordered with narrow ribbon. This model is dainty in albatross of pale tint, bordered with white satin ribbon or of white chudda with colored ribbon. On Americanized lines is a pretty kimono which is closely plaited across the shoulders at front and back and is charming when developed in white crepe de chine or pongee lined with tinted cashmere and having facings, cuffs and sash of soft silk matching the shade of the lining.

#### Odd Fashion in Hand Bags.

Old brocades, old damasks and wool fabrics are greatly in demand nowadays among society women for making hand bags. The fashionable set has taken a fancy to hand bags made of those goods, and jewelers are turning them out in large numbers. The bags are adorned daintily with gold and silver trimmings. The fashionable

hand bag is composed of a piece of tapestry, brocade or damask, showing men in armor on horses going to wars. The bags are shaped after those carried centuries ago. Some are squares with points at the top and the base, some are covered with gold net, and others are decorated with ancient bullion laces and galloons that were used in covering furniture centuries ago. Consequently, to please the whim of society women, the materials for the bags are ripped from old furniture, or else bits of damask and brocade long treasured are being put to a new use.

## TIMELY HINTS FOR FARMERS

### Benefits of Tiling Land.

An interesting fact was made very clear last season in connection with land, naturally well drained, which has been lately tiled—namely, says an exchange, that in the driest season known in years this land has produced larger crops of better quality than land lying near by which was apparently sufficiently dry for crop production.

This greater productiveness seems directly due to the fact that in land which is tiled there is a much freer circulation of the air, which means a drier and looser soil and a more rapid passage to the surface of subsoil moisture.

This same condition results in a rapid absorption into the soil of rain that does fall, thus reducing to a minimum the volume which flows off from the surface, washing and gullyng the soil.

### Treating Barbed Wire Cuts.

In treating a wire cut the wound should be kept absolutely clean and exposed to the air and sunshine. When the wound starts to heal it should not be irritated by washing the raw surface or by removing scabs which have formed. Liquid disinfectants are best applied by allowing the fluid to be poured on the raw surface, not by rubbing the wound with cotton saturated with the disinfectant.

Follow this disinfection by covering it with some good healing powder that it both astringent and disinfectant. Should the wound heal fast use some form of caustic to remove the excessive granulation tissue.

### Farm Notes.

Feed the birds. You'll need 'em next bug time.

Get all the leaves you can for the scratching pens.

Have a bottle of rubber cement on hand and some good glue. Fix things and do it while the other work is not pressing.

One of the best tools a farmer can have is a good riveter for mending leather straps of all kinds. One of these will save a good many trips to town and maybe more than one runaway.—Farm Journal.

### Improving Old Pastures.

Where a pasture has begun to fail it can be made much more productive by drilling with a disk drill, in early spring, a mixture of two pounds mammoth and one pound alsike clover, running the seed into the gashes made by the disks. If a disk drill is not available, the land may be disked, the seed broadcasted and then harrowed. This seeding of clover greatly increases the pasture for two or three years following and stimulates the grass through the nitrogen added to the soil by the clovers.

## WINTER QUARTERS FOR THE POULTRY

### Hens Require Plenty of Fresh Air Without Drafts.

Two or three fundamental principles must be considered in comfortable winter quarters. The first of these is an absence of moisture. The henhouse must be kept dry, but it is not of so much importance that it be kept warm. Artificial heat is tabooed by the best poultrymen today. An abundance of fresh air without any drafts must be provided. Just as much sunshine as possible should be admitted to the house. The walls should be whitewashed and kept clean. The boards should be cleaned from beneath the perches as frequently as seems necessary. This will depend upon the number of chickens kept.

The roosts should be painted with a mite destroyer, and frequent sprayings should be given throughout the season. Mites are more easily controlled in the winter than at any other time, but there must be a constant campaign against lice. The best aid in this is a liberal use of dust. Have a box in the brightest part of the henhouse and you will be surprised to see how freely it is used. If a supply of pulverized

earth with not provided before the ground froze sifted ashes may be used. This is the hen's natural method of freeing herself from a pest that saps her vitality and makes it impossible for her to lay most freely.—Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

### Feather Eating Hens.

Feather eating is a vicious habit, and one feels that the guilty hen does it solely out of pure cussedness. It is confined almost exclusively to the smaller and more active breeds and only when they are confined in small yards.

When they once begin there is hardly any remedy except to give them their liberty so that they can get busy and forget the habit.

### Cowpeas Profitable.

Cowpeas are a very profitable crop for dairy cows and pigs. They are so hardy against drought and mature so quickly that there are very few crops that compete with these legumes for soiling purposes. Cowpeas should be better appreciated by farmers of the southwest.

## HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

### Nutmeg Grater That Aids Kitchen Economy.



A nutmeg grater that grates all the nutmeg down to the last scrap has been designed by a New York man. It also saves the housewife from grating off her finger nails and the tips of her fingers. The grater proper is circular and is affixed to a wooden handle. Pivoted to the center is a revolving handle with a little cup in one end to hold the kernel and a spring cup to keep it in place and press it against the grater plate. The nutmeg is placed in this cup and the handle turned until the desired amount is ground off, the operation being much speedier than when kernel has to be rubbed across the grater by hand. Furthermore, the hand method results in waste, as after the nutmeg has been ground so small that it cannot be scraped without scraping the fingers as well it has heretofore had to be thrown away.

### Household Notes.

A whisk broom inclosed in a bag of cheesecloth is unequaled for cleaning the corners of uncarpeted steps.

Fingers roughened by sewing should be well washed in warm water and then gently rubbed with pumice.

If onions are covered over while frying they will retain more of their moisture and will be of better flavor.

Maples should never be left in a wet hat, but should be taken out and rubbed perfectly dry to prevent rusting.

Milky tumblers should be washed in cold water. Putting them straight into hot water will cloud the glass permanently.

A tablespoonful of flour put into a kettle of ordinary boiled starch will cause cuffs, collars, etc., to be much stiffer.

For a salad out of the ordinary mix cream cheese with chopped olives and a boiled dressing. Serve on hearts of lettuce.

### Mulligatawny Soup.

Get a knuckle of veal, have the bones cracked in two or three places, put into a stew pan and cover with water, and when it is half done cut off as much meat as you need for the soup and boil the bones and remainder of meat well down for stock. Let this stand till cold and skim off fat. Cut the meat in small pieces and fry them in butter with four onions sliced and floured, two dessertspoonfuls of curry powder, a little cayenne pepper and salt. Put these into the stew pan, add the stock with three or four clove and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Let the whole simmer one hour. Serve with plain boiled rice in a separate dish.

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## Bailey Issue First With Pros

It now seems that the smooth antis have done their "do," and the result is most gratifying to the saloon interests throughout the state. Fearing the pros, who are in the majority in the senate, might come alive and do something that would sound like instructions from prohibition constituents and party pledges, the astute antis got busy and raised a rucus over the congressional redistricting committee, claiming that the anti-Bailey senators, who are hopelessly in the minority, were trying to control the making of the new districts. When this bait was put out by the anti-pros the partisans of Senator Bailey lost sight of all prohibition legislation and went to war among themselves over the "interests" of Senator Bailey. Read the following report from Austin: A prohibition senator who is a devoted partisan of Senator Bailey said there was no disguising the intentions of the Bailey majority much longer. "We have been scrapping bitterly here over the question of prohibition," said he, "but all of us Bailey men will forget we were wets and dries when the shaping of new congressional districts begins. Randall and Hardy have spent the last few years studying new schemes and new methods to discredit a man who has reflected glory on the entire state, and I for one believe it to be patriotism to try in any honorable way to get such men out of the public service. There are others, a majority, who look at this matter just as I do. There will be howl from both Hardy and Randall when they see the districts in which Sherman and Corsicana are placed, but mark my words and remember the prediction, the districts will go through just as we want them to go. We are going to write 'X' in front of the names of both the gentlemen I have named."

And it may be added, Hardy and Randall are not the only Texas members of congress who may be "turned out of house and home," for reasons like those showing against the first two. Congressmen Robert L. Henry of Waco and Albert S. Burleson of Austin might also find it to their advantage to keep close scrutiny on the movements of the reapportionment committees. While there is no such antipathy shown toward either Henry or Burleson as the friends of Mr. Bailey exhibit toward Randall and Hardy, they are far from being idolized by men who place the fortunes of the senator above those of any other man on earth.

It is predicted there will be just as exciting "doings" when apportionment measures come up for action as there have already been over prohibition matters. Perhaps there will be more excitement.

## Cates on Farming Interests

Austin, Texas, Feb. 1.—Messenger, Decatur.—Since coming here I have met one of the officials of the agricultural department who told me the plan adopted last summer in Wise county of holding agricultural meetings in the country at the schoolhouses was being recommended now throughout the state wherever this official traveled. We of Wise county are to be congratulated, not alone on the fact that we initiated this movement which the state will adopt as a fixed policy, but upon account of the more important fact to us that the farmers are surely awakening to a realization of the opportunities that confront them from the standpoint of improved or progressive farming. This awakening is reflected by the circumstances of the farming organizations that have taken place with Decatur as headquarters. There are the demonstrators under the department of agriculture, the boys' corn club, the truck growers' association, the farmers' institute, and the dairymen's association. And, while not the result of a purely farming organization, the genuine interest displayed in the trades' days and corn shows of last summer and fall must be taken as a further definite expression of the impulse for better farming which has gained foothold in the community. Not any one of these movements is older than nine months and, consequently, have accomplished but a small portion of the results open to them. However, a very healthful beginning has been made, and the question now is, shall the endeavors be continued? It is up to the people of both town and country to give the answer.

I personally am convinced that three years of uninterrupted development of the plans of these various organizations will bring, if not a revolutionized condition, surely then the incipency of a change of conditions which ultimately will put the farming and business interests of Decatur on a different and far more profitable and prosperous basis.

I believe the goal is so full of promise for all concerned, and this means the entire citizenship of the community, (because all there are dependent on farming) that all should lend enthusiastic support to the purposes aimed at by these organizations.

I wish to take this opportunity to say to the truck growers that I hope they are still proceeding with the plans outlined in the several meetings held. Before returning home I hope to visit San Antonio and learn what I can about the details of marketing produce, so as to be prepared to lend my assistance to securing profitable returns for the stuff now about to be planted for spring and summer marketing. Very truly, CLIFF CATES.

We respectfully call the attention of the devilish and depraved editor-in-chief of the Denton Chronicle to the showing Wonderful Wise makes in the number of her patriotic, polltax paying citizens. Denton county has only a measly 4,087, while the princely and beautiful figures, 4,125, represent the number of Wise countyans who "forewent" politics and railroad building long enough to qualify themselves to participate in the splendid little todo due in Texas about July 22.

Boyd is to have a newspaper. That thriving little city, one of the best and most prosperous in Wise county, has been sorely in need of a boosting publication since the hustling Proctors left that place and located at Bridgeport. The merchants and citizens of the Boyd country will no doubt do the proper thing in giving support to their home paper. Here is to the success of Editor Melton in his efforts to make his section of Wonderful Wise hum.

Congressional bees are swarming in the Texas state senate.

The defenders of Lorimer in the United States senate are floundering about in a ridiculous manner. Doubtless they have heard from the "dear" people.

Senator Tom Perkins talks entirely too much for his own good. His signed statement in Wednesday's dailies was evidence abundant that he is associating with fellows who are too well versed in the game of politics for him. His excuse for jumping the pros' caucus plans is weak and betrays an astounding lack of political knowledge in Hon. Tom's noodle. That plea ament his love and admiration for Senator Bailey prompting him to bolt the prohibitionists' caucus is rank rot of a very cheap variety.

Well, the expected has happened in the Texas legislature, and the antis are in high glee. The Messenger stated last week that the smart, sleek political manipulators of the Jacob Walters stripe would turn the trick on the weak-kneed pros down at Austin, and they have played the game to a nicety. By injecting the Bailey issue into the ranks of the pros that contingent has been split from Daniel both ways and are now at was among themselves. The senate has been in an uproar this week over the question and the chances look very favorable for the anti wire workers to pull off some stunts that will put the quits to the hopes of the prohibitionists. The Messenger has some respect, for the senator who comes out in the open and fights for his anti convictions, and we all admire the man who fights for his pro sentiments openly and above board. He is the kind of a man the prohibitionists can depend upon. But we ask deliverance from the fellow who is a pro for political purposes only, and can be swayed and handled by the cheming politicians on the other side. This stripe of senators seem to be in the Texas senate and it is high time the people were awakening to task of clearing out these demagogues from the councils of the party.

The Messenger learns that some of these spring-like mornings a bill will be introduced in the Texas senate to create a brand new office up in these diggin's. It is proposed to make a district attorney's office with Wise, Parker and Jack for the field of operation. This office, if created, will carry a fat salary of about \$2,500 per annum, with traveling expenses and hotel bills thrown in, if a bill now up becomes a law. Now, the Messenger sees no necessity for this new office, consequently we are opposed to the measure, and we will wager money, marbles or chalk (mostly chalk, it having a decided call over the others in our possession) that the people, if given a chance to vote upon the proposition, will knock the stuff's out of it in a jiffy. The burthen of taxes is just about as great as the good people of Parker, Wise and Jack want at this particular time, and as there is no urgent demand to "sincure" the ambitions of any of the district's office seekers, the bill should be put to death without the benefit of a chaplain's invocation or a sky-rocketing peroration of a senate spell binder. The Messenger will "romp" on this subject again, and we will do our dingdest to show how unnecessary such an office is, how burdensome to the taxpayers, and how clap trap politics can wield an alarming power with such an office if coupled with the district judgeship and "handled" by any two counties in the district.

Some of the senators, judging from what they have stated on the floor, consider their most important duty is to jockey and manipulate for the purpose of making capital for use of the prohibitionists in the coming campaign. And all the while there are lunatics confined in filthy jails, there are the State institutions of higher education needing attention, there are questions of revenue and taxation and many other matters of vital importance to the State's welfare awaiting consideration.—Houston Post.

The girl at the telephone, at the typewriter, in the school room, and behind the counter earning an honorable living, is worth a cowpen full of girls who sit toggged up in the parlor pounding on the piano, while her mother is out in the back yard tumbling a tune on the wash tub, or the girl who paints and powders her face and is to lazy to cook a doughnut. The girl who works for a living and pays her way through the world is respected and esteemed by all good people. The working girl is a lovely rose compared with the girl who gallops the streets and chases after the attention of some worthless fellow.—Ex.

We have infinitely more love and respect for Mr. Jacob Walters and his gang of political workers than we have for the demagogue in the legislature; the fellow who has been sent to Austin to assist in passing the prohibition demands of his party, but who accepts the first bait of the antis and can be led off by the Bailey issue.

"Pshaw, I don't care a thing in the world for a performance like Ben Hur, but I am simply wild over that master-piece, 'Three Weeks,'" remarked the young thing as she penciled her eye-brows and looked a "college-bred" wise look.

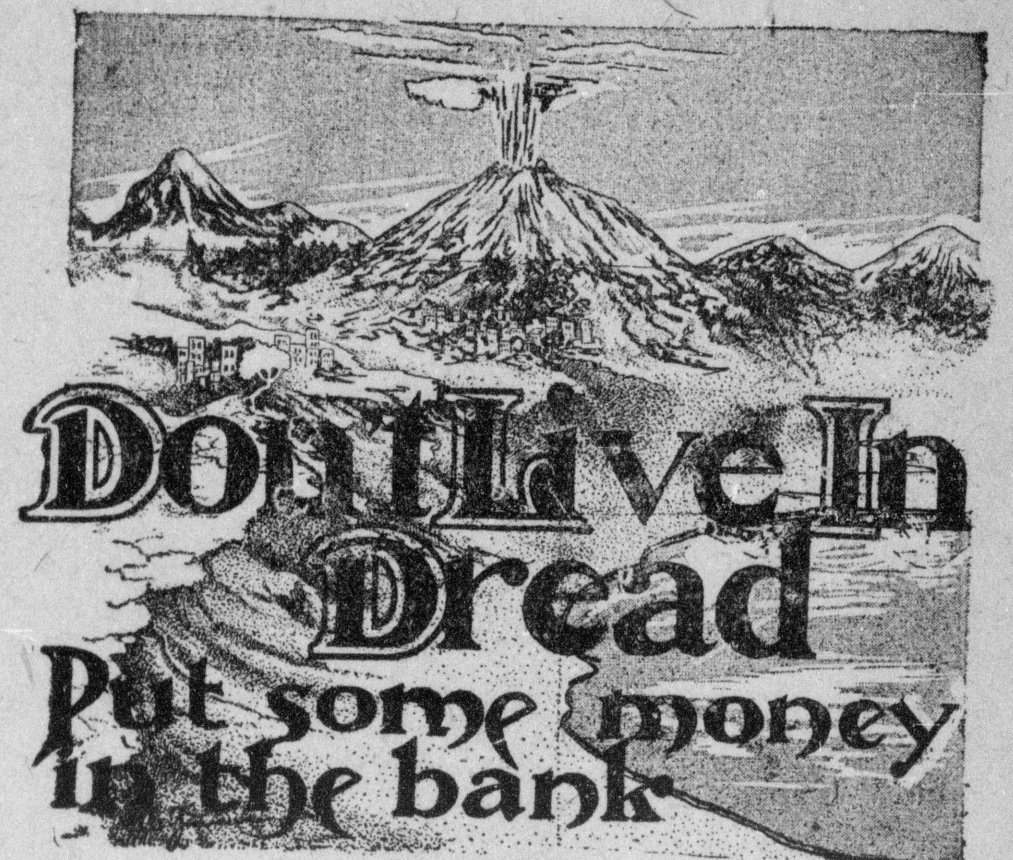
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| No. 3—9:12 a. m.  | No. 8—5 a. m.    |
| No. 1—11:00 a. m. | No. 6—1 p. m.    |
| No. 5—8:32 p. m.  | No. 2—1 p. m.    |
| No. 7—11:52 p. m. | No. 4—3:24 p. m. |

## News of Town and County

Onion sets at Moore & Hunts.

Chas. Workman is in Willow Point

Get hot drinks at the City Bakery.

Be sure and be at the Majestic to-night.

H. L. Ward was in Springtown this week on business.

Fresh groceries go to Moore & Hunts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner were in Fort Worth Thursday.

Get your garden seed at Moore & Hunts. Fresh lot just received.

Mrs. Torrell Lillard has returned from a visit to Chicago.

See the new line of pictures at the Majestic Friday and Saturday nights.

If you want a sale list it with J. E. Boyd.

Money to loan on farm lands, see J. E. Boyd.

Dr. C. B. Knox, of Chico, was here Tuesday.

Smoke with us; only cigars of quality sold. Ford & Thomason.

S. M. Carl left Wednesday for Frederick to visit a sick sister.

Mrs. N. S. Corley, of Chico, died last Saturday morning.

Hot Chocolate with whipped cream and cake at the City Bakery.

Moore & Hunt sell the very best groceries at reasonable prices.

Tully Fields has returned from Gainesville.

The little son of J. R. Smith, west of town, has the pneumonia.

Harry Halsell spent the week in Jack county.

J. W. Walker this week moved to Decatur from Robinson, Okla.

Miss Lizzie Ramsdale, of Paradise is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Clifton has been sick this week, but is improved.

Jack Walker was here Saturday from Crafton.

Pure South Texas ribbon cane syrup at More & Hunt grocery.

Mrs. John Gilliland is visiting in Fort Worth.

Fresh chocolate candies 5c to 75c per box. Ford & Thomason.

Born, to Capt. and Mrs. H. E. Brady, Tuesday, a daughter.

If you want good bread, buy Light Crust flour.

Judge John Speer, of Montague, was attending court here this week.

John T. Woods was up from Dallas Sunday.

J. L. Crawford and Editor Walker, of Bridgeport, were in to see the Messenger while in town Tuesday.

Orchestra and Quartette program at Majestic to-night.

Glenn Russell was in Olney this week.

Mrs. Chas. Parker, of Bowie, visited relatives here this week.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd died last Tuesday night.

Sam McCormack, of Clinton, Okla. visited relatives in Decatur Monday.

Don't fail to attend the special program at the Majestic to-night.

J. D. McCormack has gone for a visit to relatives in Clinton, Okla.

Richard Allen was here this week from Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush attended the "Ben Hur" performance in Fort Worth Wednesday evening.

Faith Furniture Co., are offering some excellent bargains in second-hand bed room suits.

Mrs. J. D. Clark of Denton, and Mrs. S. O. Wilson of Belton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark.

Miss Wille Stegall attended the "Ben Hur" show in Fort Worth Tuesday evening.

J. L. Tinsley, of Boonsville, was in the city Wednesday attending county court.

S. L. Loughridge and family have moved to Athens, where Mr. Loughridge will go into business.

Mrs. W. T. Waggoner of Fort Worth, was visiting friends in the city Monday.

Marriage license—Claud Paschall and Miss Ema Tinsley; C. C. McDaniel and Miss Abbie Barrett.

During January there were reported to the county clerk four deaths and eleven births for Wise county.

Mrs. B. B. Forte arrived Saturday to join her husband, who is now an employee of the Messenger.

WANTED—Man and wife on the Whorton Ranch; man to furnish teams and cultivate alfalfa and johnson grass; woman to do housework at headquarters. See FOUNT RAY, at First National Bank, Decatur, Tex.

Carlo Ball, who is attending a dental school in Dallas, was here this week.

Mrs. J. P. Williams is in Bridgeport at the bedside of her sister, who has the pneumonia.

Don't fail to see that good basket ball game at the college tomorrow. Good grand-stand.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parris of the Shiloh community, Jan. 26, a boy.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a dinner on the public square on the first Monday in March.

The temperature was 63 in Decatur Tuesday and Wednesday, the warmest winter weather on record.

The WeDelvas were entertained last Tuesday by Miss Ruth Christal. The club meets with Miss Bessie Shaw next Tuesday.

Ed P. Gibson, assistant cashier of the First National bank, has been appointed a member of the Decatur high school board of trustees.

Judge E. M. Allison accompanied Mrs. Allison to Ft. Worth Wednesday, where she has gone under treatment at a sanitarium in that city.

If the weather is to bad tomorrow to permit of outdoor basketball, the game at the college will be played indoors in the chapel.

H. S. Neville was in the city from the Alvord country yesterday attending court. Mr. Neville has recently returned from a visit to his old home in Alabama.

There will be preaching at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., by pastor E. E. Farris of Fort Worth.

Joe J. Perkins was down from Wichita Falls Wednesday on business. Joe says Wichita continues to grow at a rapid rate.

A Messenger reporter was informed Wednesday that Chas. Myers is no longer in the market for mineral rods, as the supply has far exceeded the demand.

Say, hurry up! after Feb. 1 for a short time only we will make a dozen post cards for \$1.25 and 15 stamp pictures for 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moss, Mrs. Jas. McCarter, Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Misses Minnie Pearl Williams, Marie Patterson and Bell Ford are among those attending Ben Hur at Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gibson were among those who attended the Gen. Lew Wallace great play "Ben Hur" at Fort Worth Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. C. Rife returned to her home in Lone Wole, Okla., Monday to a response to a message that her husband had lost the sight of an eye in an accident.

The total poll tax payments for Wise county for 1910 will be about 4,100, which is a slight increase over 1909. The 1909 polls were 4,078. The collector has not yet totaled the 1910 polls, and the above is only estimated.

It is reported that eighty per cent of the grade for the new railroad between Balsora and Weatherford has been completed.

J. D. White has recently installed some splendid improvements in his blacksmith shop. He now uses gasoline power and has put in many improved tools which greatly facilitates his work. He now has one of the best shops in North Texas.

Revs. J. H. Heathington, W. C. Carver, E. B. Moore, A. R. Anderson, J. L. Ward, G. W. Tyson, J. W. Bailey, and C. B. Gunn were among those who attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Chico last Sunday.

Hon. A. D. Rogers was in the city from Austin Sunday shaking hands with his friends and visiting his family. Mr. Rogers says things have commenced to warm up down at the capitol.

Mrs. R. E. Collins and Miss Francis Collins leave to-morrow for a visit to relatives and friends in Dallas. They will attend the "Ben Hur" performance in Fort Worth to-morrow evening.

R. M. Childers and family arrived in Decatur Monday from Warren, Ark. Mr. Childers has bought a farm out of the old Waggoner ranch property, and will immediately begin the erection of a house, and will make other improvements.

We call the attention of those interested in the work of truck farming to read the letter of Secretary Cates of the commercial club, written from Austin, in to-day's Messenger.

A musical company, consisting of sixteen members will appear Saturday night at the opera house. The company comes well recommended and no doubt a good house will be present. A 6 round boxing contest will be a part of the performance.

Constable Buck Riley came over from Bridgeport Friday with several additions to the county road gang. The fellows were convicted on the charge of vagrancy.

Gladney Short, having accepted a position from President C. W. Martin of Wise County Coal Co., at Bridgeport, as book-keeper for the company, is making preparations to move his family to that city. Mrs. Short will move over in a short while. Mr. Martin was in the city a few days ago.

The public school basket ball team goes to Fort Worth today to play one game with Polytechnic college.

The small child of Clyde Maiden, living west of town had three fingers cut off Wednesday. The cutting was done accidentally with an axe by the little brother of the injured child.

Alf Brown was in the city from Paradise Monday. Alf reports everything in a prosperous condition in his section and the people are talking about Representative Rogers' good move in equipping the attorney general's office with the sinews to go after the violators of the state's laws.

The Waggoner banking institution of Fort Worth, and the First National of that city have been consolidated. Tom B. Yarbrough, a former Decaturite and one of the moving spirits of the Waggoner bank, will be one of the vice-presidents of the new institution.

The Messenger job department this week printed the annual mating list for Dave Hoyl's poultry farm. Dave has made a success with his splendid chickens by raising the best, advertising his business, and by making good every statement he makes about his business. He ships to all parts of the state, besides having quite a number of customers in other states.

Coach James St. Clair will bring his Poly basket ball team here tomorrow, Saturday for a game with the college at 3 p. m., at the college campus. This will certainly be a swift one, for both teams are good ones. Polly has won from the best teams in the state this year, and the college, so far, has not lost a game in the state, having played ten. Don't miss tomorrow's game.

At the Majestic to-night, a splendid special program besides the motion pictures. Will consist of musical numbers by McCoy Orchestra and Quartette. The McCoy brothers are musicians of note, having been awarded the first prize in the St. Louis World's Fair. Don't fail to attend the Majestic to-night. The admission will be 10 and 15c.

Dr. P. J. Fullingim, one of the most prominent and popular young physicians in this section, and a member of one of the pioneer families gave his friends a surprise Sunday evening by taking unto himself a wife in the person of Mrs. John F. Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Ward, old time and influential citizen of this community. Rev. J. L. Ward, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony, immediately after which the happy couple left on the south-bound Denver for Fort Worth and Dallas, where they are spending a few days visiting friends of the groom. Messenger joins in wishing for Dr. "Shirk" and his bride a long happy journey in their new relation.

Our good friend, Ad Renshaw, says that he is not among the recent converts to the new doctrine preached on our streets last week, and that he will continue to shave and cut his hair just like he has been doing for the past century or more. The two gentlemen who were holding services on our streets claimed that all those who followed their teachings and refused to cut their hair and never shave would live until the end of time, or 'till the crack of doom. Good crowds attended the services but few were convinced of the truthfulness of their teachings. The expounders, two in number, wore their hair long and seemed to be enjoying good health.

## MONEY TALKS



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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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LOST—\$10 in bills, last Saturday. Return to this office for reward.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Reds. Roosters. Floyd Helm.

LOST—Male black hog, weighs about 150 pounds. Chas. Davis.

FOR SALE—Fifty acres prairie black land on public road, 11-2 mile from church, school and railroad station, for price and terms see Geo. W. Short, Decatur.

SALESMAN WANTED—to look after our interest in Wise and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

A STRAY pig has taken up at the home of one of Decatur subscribers; call at this office for particulars.

While a Messenger scribe was loafing around the office of the county clerk Wednesday morning in quest of any news notes he might devour he was informed by Clerk Williams, with the statement affidavit by Deputy Clerk Foster, that Alf Brown, who was in the office at the time on business, was seriously thinking of becoming a disciple of the great Mozart, or in other and plainer words, Alf contemplates devoting his spare time to mastering the art of music. Our informants failed to state where Alf would commence his studies, but it is supposed it will be either at Paradise, his home town, or Decatur.

Decatur college five defeated the fast Rush Springs basket ball team here last Saturday by the close score of 11 to 12. The game was the closest ever played here and was hard fought from start to finish, neither team ever being more than two points in the lead. At the end of the first half the score was 6 to 4 for Decatur. For Rush Springs, Penn threw two pretty long goals, and Kirk and McGranahan did splendid work. The locals were not up to the usual good form in goaling, tho they passed the ball all around the visitors. Wolfe, the new center, did fine work at guarding, and Edwards and Robbins also did good playing. Polytechnic college will be here tomorrow for a game with the college five.

The Peoples' Water Troubles Co., has scored another triumph and the gentlemen composing the company are in high glee over the result. The patent applied for the railroad water tank valve has been allowed and now this splendid device will be put on the market. Undoubtedly this sione of the best inventions of years, and it is the opinion of the all railroad men who have seen the apparatus that it will find a ready sale with the railroad companies. With this device attached to the water "snout" on tanks of this character all water troubles come to an end; the firemen can draw the water without his usual trouble, and the most frigid weather, has no effect whatever upon getting the usual amount of water from the tank. A demonstration for the benefit of railway officials will be made in a short time at Fort Worth and the merit of this valve will be brought to the attention of those people.

## Notice

We will gin Saturday, January 28, and will close our plant down for the season, Wednesday, Feb. 1. Parties having bolls or cotton will please get them in by Tuesday, Jan. 31. Milligan Gin Co.

## Basket Ball Schedule

Following is the schedule of games to be played in Decatur by the Baptist college team:

Polytechnic, Saturday, Feb. 4.  
Durant, Okla., Feb. 11.  
Ft. Worth Y. M. C. A., Feb. 22.

## Notice

Decatur, Texas, Jan. 7, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of February, at 10 o'clock a. m. the honorable commissioner's court of Wise county, Texas, will receive and open sealed bids for a county depository, for two years, for the county funds of said county, including school funds. E. M. ALLISON, County Judge.

In 1900 the population of the thirteenth congressional district was 54,818; in 1910 the population had increased to 187,383, a gain of 133,564. The population of the statesenatorial district composed of Wise, Denton and Montague counties, in 1900 was 80,234; 1910, 82,832, a gain of only 1,597.

## Every Cent He Saved.

"Every cent that I saved is in that bank," said a boy who was one of the crowd in front of the Carnegie Trust company's closed doors a short time after the state authorities had taken possession of the place. "Never mind, boy," said a sympathetic man, who also looked anxious. "You'll get it all right." Then he leaned down and asked, "How much do they owe you?" The boy smiled broadly and answered, "Only what I saved—not a cent." And the laughter which followed the answer showed that losses had not disturbed the good nature of the crowd.—New York Tribune.

## Childless Dramatists.

Heredity, however powerful in the field of athletics, is powerless in the theater. Have you noticed the childlessness of the dramatist? It seems that the successful dramatist is at the end of a series and never leaves a successor. Look down the list of them from Gilbert to Shaw and you will find never a child. Further search brings up Thomas Hardy, Barrie, Maeterlinck, Pinero, Cecil Raleigh, Maugham, Locke, Granville Barker, Frederick Penn, Louis Napoleon Parker, and only Henry Arthur Jones and Hall Caine are dramatists with children.—London Chronicle.

## His Motto.

Richard Harding Davis received some time ago from a magazine a gushing request that he furnish it gratuitously with a New Year's greeting and a few appropriate mottoes. Mr. Davis replied promptly: "I can't 'greet' people I don't know, but you are welcome to my motto, which is, 'Nothing for nothing and very little for sixpence.'"



# New Service

DO YOU KNOW that you can send a TELEGRAM from your own TELEPHONE, either prepaid or to be collected from the addressee at any time, day or night. Sundays and Holidays, by asking "Central" for "Western Union?" If the local Telegraph office is closed, you will be connected with a nearby all-night office of the Western Union, in which event, in case of a prepaid telegram, you will be required to pay the telephone as well as the telegraph charges. In case of a telegram to be forwarded "collect" the charges to be paid by the addressee, it is required that you will guarantee the tolls of both companies should the addressee refuse payment.

The Western Union Telegraph Company and the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company are increasing the scope of usefulness of the wires and ask for a patronage in bringing about the development.

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.

## SOIL FERTILITY.

Principles by Means of Which It Is Restored or Maintained.

Soil fertility can be restored and maintained in any agricultural region by the persistent practice of simple systems of farming. The growing of leguminous crops, the turning under of green manures to make humus and the systematic rotation of crops are absolutely essential. In most attempts to rebuild soils the use of the element phosphorus is equally important. With the exception of swamp or peaty types, all soils are adequately provided with potassium. Nitrogen can be secured through clover, alfalfa, cowpeas, soy beans, vetch and the like. No farmer should buy commercial nitrogen for ordinary field use. Truck farmers and gardeners require it in this form for quick action in small areas, but farmers can obtain an abundance of the element practically without cost by growing legumes.

In order to make these restorative crops attain proper growth most soils east and many types west of the Mississippi river must be limed. Failures with the clovers are due almost altogether to an excess of acid in the soil. Ground limestone applied at the rate of from 1,000 to 10,000 pounds per acre neutralizes the acid and increases the supply of available calcium, thus rendering the soil more hospitable to legumes. Inoculation to insure the presence of bacteria also is sometimes necessary. Legumes that do not form tubercles on their roots do not fix nitrogen. Each legume has its own special bacteria. Soil taken from a spot in which sweet clover is established can be used in inoculating for alfalfa, these legumes having a common organism to serve them in deriving nitrogen from the air. About 100 pounds of soil per acre is sufficient. It should be obtained from a successful field or plot of the particular legume which it

Business methods in buying and selling receive too little attention among farmers. The way and manner of using the income from the farm is quite as important as a large yield and a good profit.

## Notice of Final Account No. 1438

The State of Texas, to the sheriff of Wise county—greeting:  
J. A. Spinks, administrator of the estate of Mrs. A. A. Dallas, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Mrs. A. A. Dallas, deceased, together with an application for distribution and to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper published in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the April term, 1911, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county in the city of Decatur, on the first Monday in April, 1911, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness J. P. Williams, clerk of the county court of Wise county.  
Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the city of Decatur, this 27th day of Dec., 1910.  
J. P. WILLIAMS,  
Clerk county court, Wise county.  
By H. M. FOSTER, deputy clerk.  
A true copy, I certify: SAM FAITE,  
Sheriff Wise county

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# NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

## The Unpleasant Past.

John B. Moissant, the aviator who was killed at New Orleans, refused with a smile to discuss his turbulent past among the revolutionists of South America.

"Leave the past alone," he said to a New York reporter just before he departed for New Orleans. "Thus you avoid unpleasantness. Let me tell you about Judge Hangar.

"Judge Hangar was spending a sunny autumn week at Atlantic City, and every morning on one of the piers he used to see a young lady whose face looked most familiar.

"The judge prided himself on his memory for names and faces, and yet somehow this young lady escaped him.



"PARDON ME, MISS; YOUR FEATURES ARE FAMILIAR."

But he was sure he knew her, and one morning, though she always studiously avoided his eye, he stopped and addressed her with courtly politeness:

"Pardon me, miss," he said; "your features are familiar, but, strangely enough, I cannot recall the circumstances under which we met. Yet I certainly remember our having met somewhere."

"Remember!" cried the young lady, and she arose from among her friends with angry and aggressive air. "Remember, you old scallywag! Well, you ought to remember. It's not a year since you gave me eight months in the common pleas, and for 2 cents I'd pitch you over the railing into the water!"

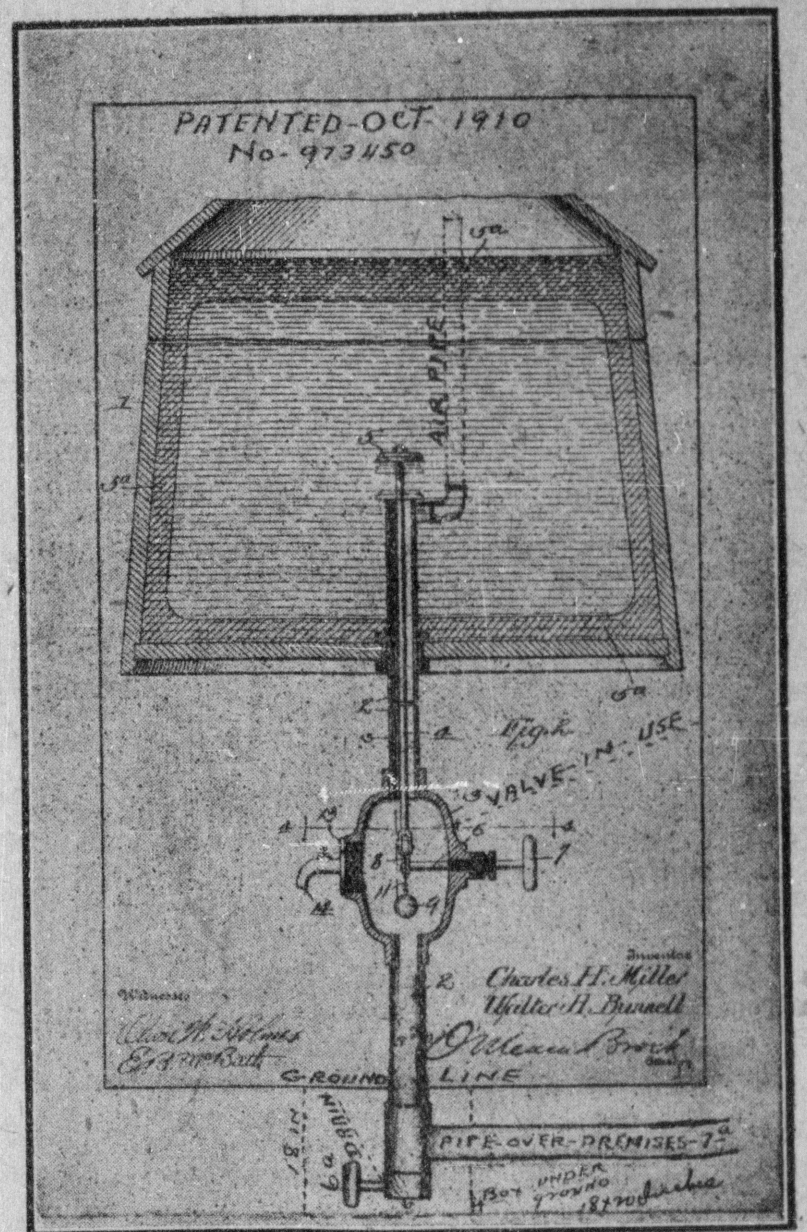
## Corn Bread.

One and one-fourth cupfuls bread flour, one cupful cornmeal (not the powdered meal), one level teaspoonful soda, two level teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, one of salt, three-quarters cupful granulated sugar. Sift all this three times. Add one egg, three tablespoonfuls melted butter, one and three-quarters cupfuls milk (sweet). This is made the same with sour milk by omitting cream of tartar.

## English Pork Pie.

Cut lean fresh pork in strips, finger length, and put a layer in a pudding dish. Season with pepper and salt. Next add a layer of sliced apples sprinkled with sugar and bits of butter, then more pork, but have top layer of apple. Pour over it a cup of sweet cider; put on a rich pie crust rather thick, and cut slits in top for steam to escape. Bake in moderate oven one and one-half or two hours.

# Ranchman, Farmer, Homeowner LOOK AT THE PICTURE

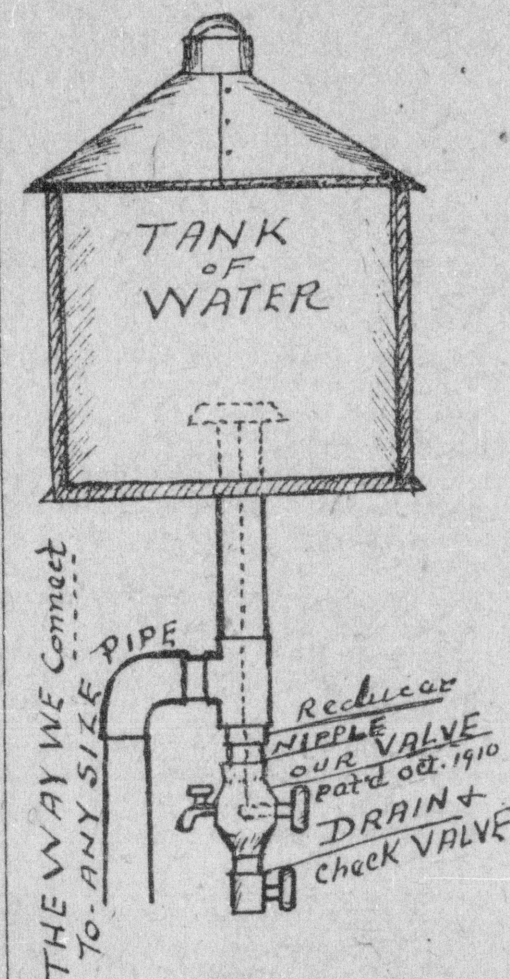


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But its value is not confined to the winter season. In torrid summer, when you want a cool drink, simply turn the valve and secure one as if coming from cool dripping springs. The valve brings the water from the cool regions of the tank never affected by the heat of the sun, obviating the necessity of running water through the heated pipes to the place wanted.

The story is simple. The People's Valve is sure, cheap and reliable. Wonder is that it was not thought of long before. It came out of the troubles and difficulties in securing water in the winter time of two practical, thinking men, who labored for months to bring this mechanical perfection of their thoughts into existence.

It represents the highest reaches in practical invention of its kind, and inventive history records it as being the superior of every other valve made to accomplish the work it only performs. In fact, it supercedes in value, usefulness and practicability every other valve of the kind before the public today.

It needs to go into the hands of users rapidly. We want every owner of windmills and tanks to secure one at the earliest possible moment. Apply at your nearest hardware store, and if they fail to have them on hand, send us the name and we will take the matter up with them.

In the meantime, send us direct your orders for valves and you will receive prompt and considerate attention.

Out of the first lot turned out by the factory, valves to the value of \$66.00 were sold by one good worker in just five hours. We have a splendid proposition for salesmen, and would like to have enquiries about it. Select your territory, your state, your county, and write us about it. In all probability you can best the record of the man who sold \$66.00 worth in five hours. At all odds, this is a splendid opportunity for making money by selling the People's Valves. It is so because the valves are taking--they are becoming immediately popular, simply because they answer a need; they happily solve a problem which has been exasperating humanity ever since windmills and tank storage were invented.

Address orders for Valves or enquiries for details of the selling proposition directly to the Peoples' Water Troubles Co., Decatur, Texas.

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# Group of Pioneer Settlers of "Wonderful Wise"---The Home of Big Brained Men and Brilliant Women





## THE GHOST OF A CHANCE

From It There Came a Double Wedding.

By MARTHA M'C. WILLIAMS.

"Everybody else is going," Selina said, with a sigh. "Oh dear! I wonder why we have to skip all the good times."

"It is in punishment\* for our uncommitted sins," Bess answered, with a toss of the head. "All our sins must be uncommitted. I'm sure we've been brought up more strictly than ever nuns were. Sometimes when I think over it all I get fairly afraid for us two. We've been so proper from our cradles—we must break out after awhile."

"Hush! Aunt Wilton would have a fit if she heard you," Selina said. "Do you think she was ever young, Bess? I can't fancy her less than sixty and severe, yet I do believe she means only to be kind and really wants us to be happy."

"Yes, in her way, which isn't mine nor anybody else's," Bess broke out passionately. "Her way is to have everything just so 365 days in the year. We have all sorts of material good things—we eat well, sleep well, dress well—but no liberty to get the good of it. How many times did we wear our best frocks last summer? Not once! And it's going to be the same this season. People never ask us to things any more because they know we won't come."

"I don't mind that so much as the flowers. Shouldn't you like, just once, to run riot in the garden, pulling whatever you liked?"

"You heretic! Aunt Wilton would have serious doubts as to your sanity if she heard that. I think she loves flowers, not because they are flowers and beautiful, but because they are her own!"

"The same as her nieces," a deeper voice said from an ambush of black hedge. Next minute the hedge shook violently. It was old and gnarly, being a party hedge and therefore beyond Wilton control. The end of the shakings was a young man, slim and merry eyed, who bowed very low to the two young women, then said deprecatingly: "Don't freeze me because I cavedropped. I know how bad it is, but really this time the end justifies it. I'm a committee of one, self appointed, to find out just why the nicest girls in town stay out of everything."

"Will you listen?" Bess adjured Selina, whose eyes were dancing, though her face was preternaturally grave as she answered. "Everybody overlooks Joe Hartwell's fibs, he fibs so nicely."

Hartwell laughed. His father being Aunt Wilton's lawyer, he knew the Ford girls, Aunt Wilton's nieces, better than anybody in Caswell town. It was a knowledge that ran back to the mud pie period, although the Fords know no more of mud pies and their making than could be gathered from watching him enviously through cran- nies of the hedge.

Now, for two years he had been wondering how they had escaped their bringing up. Selina, he was sure, was full of mad longings for life and freedom. About Bess he was not so sure. She sang and laughed like a human sunbeam—sang and laughed herself into the deepest depths of his heart. Therefore he resented bitterly her isolation. The sisters would some day inherit Aunt Wilton's more than comfortable fortune. It galled him to think that people would say Bess had married him through lack of other lovers; maybe also that his father had encouraged his client to keep her heir-esses so secluded out of regard for the interests of his son. Beyond all that, though, was the rebellion against thus winning by default. How could Bess be sure she really loved him when she had had no chance of measuring him against other lovers?

It was with a hope of giving her that chance he had asked his chum, Denni-son, for a month's visit. Dennison was handsome, witty and winning. His coming, duly advertised, had set social Caswell all a-flutter. There were already things planned for all the first fortnight. Selina and Bess had been discussing the most spectacular of them, the lawn party at the old Ver- non place. It was to come off by moon- light, aided and abetted by Japanese lanterns. There would be dancing, of course, and supper in the big hall of the deserted mansion. Everybody was to go in costume and masked. Except for that, Selina and Bess might have had faint hopes. But Aunt Wilton's face was flint toward masking. It savored to her so much of acting and the theater.

If Hartwell had known that—but speculation is idle. He looked blank indeed when Selina let him see how the land lay. "And I got it up mostly so you might dance your fill," he said sorrowfully. "How I wish I could wash the slate clean and begin all over! Such a great lark I hoped we might have, and now to think—"

"Such a great lark we will have!" cried Bess, springing up and whirling about in front of the garden bench. Hartwell stared at her. Selina looked puzzled. Bess stopped short in her dancing to put her finger on her lip and say, nodding sagely between the words: "Promise not to faint when you see us, Joe. I think we're coming, though we have just the ghost of a chance."

The lawn party had to take its full moon on trust. So many clouds sailed in the sky the lantern lights shone all undimmed. The thick, lowery night kept the crowd close about the house. It was big and substantial, and if the worst came in the shape of rain dan- cing could go on inside. True, a few nervous persons said that would hard- ly do. Of course it was all idle talk. None the less there had been talk of a Vernon ghost.

Two ghosts indeed—those of the Ver- non twin sisters, who had loved the same sweetheart and had refused to marry him out of regard for the other. They had lived to a great age, fading and falling at last like withered roses there in the family mansion. They had been dead twenty years, with none but good words to follow them. If they did not sleep peacefully in their sunny graves then were pure lives and good deeds vain. Notwithstanding there was the talk, now one, now another, glimpsed them walking hand in hand up the broad stairway or sitting at dusk through the overgrown rose gar- den.

Dennison heard all this avidly. He liked whatever was old world and un- usual. Perhaps that was why, when the rain at last sent everybody scur- rying within, he drew a little apart from the merry-makers and stood staring up the dim vista of the great stairway. And thus he was the first to see twin wraiths, slim and girlish, floating rather than walking, glide out of the upper dusk and, linking arms, fall into the swing of a waltz. They were all in vaporous white—swirls of it covered them from head to foot. They kept perfect time and moved so in unison it was like the rhythm of one soul rather than two.

Dennison felt his heart beat faster. All the rest had accepted the veiled dancers as but new come maskers. He nodded toward them, saying in Hart- well's ear: "Don't you hate monopoly? Let's break that one up."

Then in hurried whispers he told what he had seen. Hartwell suppress- ed a whistle, then said with a quick breath: "I'll go you. Take the taller one."

"No; I'm going to dance with the other. Ghostlike masqueraders don't demand formal presentation." Denni- son whispered back as he shot out to intercept the whirling visions. In a wink he had his chosen one fast, and Hartwell perforce took the other. To- gether they made the round of the long hall, not once, but many times, the ghost dancers moving so lightly they did not even breathe more quickly, al- though their mortal partners at last were panting.

"How did you think of it? How dared you do it?" Hartwell asked as he whirled and wheeled. The wraith in his arms answered evenly: "We've been doing it this long time. It was a sort of outlet. Selina first thought of it after we had found the lost key to the big gate, but she never would have had the courage to do it if I had not egged her on. She wouldn't dare be here tonight if I had let her think. We have always gone home before 9 o'clock and climbed in by the library window. This time we shall have to be ghosts until morning. We can get in on the heels of the milkman, and of course we shall run away before un- masking time. What would Aunt Wil- ton say if anybody told her we had been here?"

"Probably disinherit you. I should like that," Hartwell returned. "Then you wouldn't think you couldn't, I am fortune hunting when I say I love you!"

What more he might have said no- body knows. Just then there came wild cries of fire and after them gen- eral panic. Despite the pouring rain, helped by the raging wind, the old house burned like tinder. Hartwell had for a moment left Bess. When he looked for her he saw two vapor- creatures fleeing up the stairway.

Bess and Selina, madly bent on avoid- ing discovery, meant to vanish that way and escape up the back stairs by which they had come. A wall of flame blocked them. As they ran back from it they heard a shout: "Stand still! We are coming!" Then up the long main stair came Hartwell and Denni- son, to rush down half a minute later through licking flames, each with a girl's inanimate figure crushed against his breast.

Right there was settled the question of a double wedding. Even Aunt Wil- ton insisted on it. Her nieces, she said, needed stronger guardians. Both matches have turned out to be ideal, so much so that Hartwell and Den- nison say they shudder to think they gained such happiness by barely the ghost of a chance.

Berlioz Got His Reward.

Mme. Adelina Patti at the height of her celebrity kept an album in which

2222 were expected to write or paint or sketch or compose some little tell- ing fragment. Berlioz had already re- fused a dozen times to have anything to do with the volume. One evening, however, seeing that he was in an un- usually genial frame of mind, she went up to him, book in hand, and sugared her request with a bribe.

"Master, if you will write one little thing in my album—a line even—I will give you your choice of two rewards. You shall either have a kiss or you shall have a wonderful pate de foie gras which has just been sent to me from Toulouse."

Berlioz smiled and was silent for a moment. Presently he said, "Give me your album." Instantly he was pro- vided with writing necessities. Then he wrote, "Oportet pate."

"What does it mean?" asked Mme. Patti, puzzled.

"It means, my child, 'Bring the pate,'" answered Berlioz sweetly.

Mme. Patti pouted and then fetched the promised pate.—Annales.

Justice is the bread of nations—they are always famishing for it.—Chateau- briand.

## WHEN FOOTBALL WAS MORE STRENUOUS

Gentle Art of Bone Breaking as Practiced In the Nineties.

Paul Withington, the Harvard coach, was praising the milder football of 1910.

"Football in the nineties was a ter- rible game," said Mr. Withington. "Bourget, you know, devoted a whole chapter of 'Oute Mer' to its horrors. Some of the stories of the football of '90 or '91 are, in fact, almost incredi- ble. A Philadelphia sporting editor returned one November Saturday from West Philadelphia with a pale, fright- ened face.

"Many accidents at the game?" a police reporter asked him.

"One frightful accident," replied the sporting editor. "A powerful mule from a neighboring coal dealer's en- tered the field, blundered into one of the hottest scrimmages and got killed."

Unwavering Faith.

Colonel Archie Hughes of Tennessee, who can tell more good stories even than the renowned Tom Ochiltree, was retelling a few from his repertory in the Eutaw House recently.

"For many years after the death of President Andrew Jackson," said Colo- nel Hughes, "an old colored man named Alfred, who had been Jackson's body servant, guarded his grave and showed visitors about the spot where Old Hick- ory's remains rested. Once a visitor said to him, 'Do you think that Presi- dent Jackson is in heaven?'"

"Old Alfred eyed him contemptu- ously.

"'Cose he is in heaven. Didn't he always say he wuz goin' dar, and if he sed he wuz goin' who wuz gwine fer to stop him?'"—Baltimore American.

Not For Money.

Walter Winans, the noted horseman, lives in England, and on his recent American visit a reporter asked him what he thought of international mar- riages.

"International marriages," said Mr. Winans, who belongs to the Baltimore family of that name, "are just as good as any other kind provided the girl and the man are all right. The girl is, as a rule, all right, but the man is too often a fortune hunter, who should never have been presented to the girl."

Mr. Winans smiled. "A Chicago father," he resumed, "said to his foreign son-in-law the other day:

"'Count, I'm ruined! Every cent is lost!'"

"Then, by Jove," he said softly, 'I did marry for love, after all.'"

The Gossip.

Mrs. Stubb—There goes Mrs. Tall- wood. Everything she says goes.

Mr. Stubb—Yes, goes around the neighborhood.—Chicago News.

The Wicked Winter Time.

The wind is blowing wicked airs. I know they are not hymns. For all the trees, despite my stares, Dance in their naked limbs.

They seem to think I give applause. A further dance to rouse. I figure this, you know, because They know I see their boughs. —Judge.

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